

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Olympic Games Over—Big Snake Killed with a Jug—Dynamiting Fish Fatal.

OLYMPIC GAMES OVER:—The Olympic games were brought to an end in England Saturday. They had been in progress for some months with the skill and agility of a number of countries brought together to struggle for the laurels. The gold medals were presented to the successful competitors by Queen Alexandra. Big crowds have attended regularly and great interest was manifested in the ancient sports. In all the events from the beginning United Kingdom of England stands 88; America 22; Sweden 7; France 4; Hungary 3. But for the last three weeks in really athletic contests America was easily in the lead.

BIG SNAKE:—The largest snake ever brought to the United States, was brought on the Hudson steamer Friday. The snake was brought from Singapore, India by Captain C. B. Fenton. It weighs 212 pounds and is thirty feet three inches long. It is believed that Captain Fenton will put it in Bronx Zoo Garden.

KILLED WITH JUG:—Vol Stone and Clem Thomason, both of Etowah, became involved in a fight late Saturday afternoon at a picnic two miles from Temple Hill, and Stone struck Thomason on the head with a gallon jug, from the effects of which Thomason died Sunday morning at 5 o'clock. When Stone heard his victim was dead he telephoned the officers that he was ready to surrender. Both are from prominent families; but were drinking at the time of the trouble.

DYNAMITING FISH, FATALITY IN JURED:—John Bridges, aged fifty-four, wealthy and prominent farmer of Beckton was fatally hurt Sunday morning on Barren river, where he and a party of friends were fishing, by the explosion of two sticks of dynamite. Both of Bridges' eyes were blown out, his left arm blown off, besides many other injuries. He cannot recover. Other members of the party were injured, but not seriously. They were dynamiting for fish at the time of the accident.

IMMENSE FINE REVERSED:—The United States Court of Appeals reversed the case of the Government against the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana in which Judge Landis in the district court imposed a fine of \$25,240,000 against the Standard Oil Co. It is true that it is a fine and a very heavy one too, but Judge Gracup says that the fine should have been based on the settlement between the railroad and oil company. Of these there were thirty-five and the maximum fine would be \$720,000 and minimum \$36,000, the greater of which is far from twenty-nine millions. The government has thirty days to ask for a rehearing.

THREATENS MOTHER:—John A. VanRensselaer, son of Mrs. John King VanRensselaer and a member of one of New York's oldest families was arrested on charge of attempted extortion. He wrote his mother a letter telling her he would blow her head off if she did not give him \$5,000. He said that Thaw came out all right and he would kill her and do the same.

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POLITICAL NOTES

Bryan or Taft—Taft Notified—Mack Democratic Chairman—Gov. Hughes to Run.

BRYAN OR TAIT:—William R. Hearst may be able to elect Bryan or Taft because as leader of the Independence Party he holds the balance of power. This is Hearst's first appearance in the large arena but he has figured very conspicuously in State and Municipal politics in New York. As Democratic candidate for Governor of New York he forced the Republicans to nominate the best man they had, to keep the state from going Democratic. He ran for Mayor of New York on the Independence ticket, knowing the Republican under and coming a Democrat, second to McClellan. His followers have carried Brooklyn and Long Island City.

TAFT NOTIFIED:—The official notification of Wm. H. Taft that he has been nominated for president by the Republican party, took place Tuesday in his brother's home in Cincinnati. The important feature of the occasion was his speech of acceptance, in which he gave his views of the platforms of the two parties and of the issues of the campaign. Mr. Taft summarized the situation by saying that the real issue was the carrying out of Pres. Roosevelt's policies and the completing of his work in regard to the correction of the abuses which have grown up in the business world, and the establishing of regulations which will protect the people and the country against such things in future. He said that while all recognize the evils, it is the plan, as it has been the policy, of the Republicans to correct the evils in such a way as not to cause any unnecessary injury to the business of the country and as to promote the general prosperity, while the Democratic platform demands instead the destruction of the business, which would bring hard times and great suffering. The great work of the next administration, Mr. Taft said, will be to provide machinery for carrying out the new laws which have been established in principle, but have not yet been made effective. To do this he advocated more power for the Inter-State Commerce Commission, a re-organization of the Cabinet Departments which have dealings with the business of the country, a new currency law, additional officers or courts to deal with certain forms of business, and probably a Federal incorporation law of some kind. Mr. Taft's views on other subjects were expressed clearly and well, but the subjects are of less importance.

MACK DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN:—Hon. Norman E. Mack of Buffalo, New York, after a seven hours conference with W. J. Bryan and J. W. Kern was unanimously elected Chairman of the Democratic National Committee in Chicago. Mr. Bryan gave his hearty support only after W. J. Connors, State Chairman and Chas. E. Murphy, Tammany Hall leader, had yielded their personal desires for his election. Mr. Connors has been a competitor of Mr. Mack for the leadership of Erie County, but at the request of Mr. Bryan the sky was made clear and

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GET GOOD SCHOOL TRUSTEES

There will be held on Saturday afternoon in almost every school district in the state, an election for school trustee under the new law. While these men will have nothing to do with the schools during the present term, it will be their duty to put the law into effect next year, and the success of the improvements planned will depend largely on their ability and faithfulness.

Under the new law each county is divided into four, six or eight districts, and each district is divided into sub-districts which are about the same as the old districts. The trustees from each sub-district in a district form the district board which will have authority over all the schools in the district, and the chairman of the district boards will form the county board, having authority over the whole county. Together these county and district boards will have it in their power to give the county and the different districts good education or bad. Each trustee will have part of that power, and so the success and value of the education in your home depends largely on the kind of trustees you and your neighbors elect.

Every good citizen's first duty is to provide for his children and there is nothing so important for them as a good education. Capital that is invested in brains cannot be lost, and the boy or girl with an education has a far better chance in life than one without. The better the education the better chance the boy or girl will have, and the more useful and pleasant his or her life will be. There are very few children that can go away to school and for most of them the country school is the place where a good education, a bad one, or none at all, must be found.

The trustees will have it in their power to give the children a good chance or a poor one. If the trustees are the right kind of men, the children will have a much better chance, their education will be better and will take them less time, and they can study under healthier and better conditions, than if the trustees are careless, or inefficient or even corrupt, as some have been. The trustees will have full charge of the spending of the school fund and the employment of teachers, as well as the care of school buildings, the choice of books and the providing of the necessary materials, such as maps, blackboards and other things. It is easy to see that these men should have not only good intentions but good judgment, and good knowledge of what schools need.

Every citizen has a duty to do for his children in the election Saturday, and every man who is a good neighbor is also responsible thru his vote for the welfare of the children not only of his own district, but of all the other districts in the county, because of the power which each trustee has in the district and county boards. Even a man who has no children but is interested in the welfare of his home people has a duty in this election. Every man should be on hand and should vote for the man who will make the best trustee. No other thing he can do in the same time, and no money that he can make by neglecting this duty, will be worth so much to himself, his children or the rest of the community as his casting an honest and wise vote for a good trustee.

IN OUR OWN STATE

Three Depots Burned—To Pool Hay—F. J. Cambell Dead—Free Public Library.

THREE DEPOTS BURNED:—Three depots of the Illinois Central Railroad Co. were burned in Western Kentucky Wednesday night. The belief is that this is part of an organized and determined effort which will be made to get rid of soldiers in that part of the State. The depots were on the line of Trigg and Caldwell counties and the responsibility is placed on the night riders. The railroad's troubles are believed to have been caused by the fact that they let the soldiers camp on its property in Caldwell County. No aid was asked for but it was learned that Gov. Wilson will take any necessary step to protect property. In Western Kentucky there are now enough troops to handle most any situation and no more soldiers are needed.

TO POOL HAY:—A movement is said to be on foot to pool the hay crop of Central Kentucky on a plan similar to that on which the Equity has been pooling the Burly tobacco. The project is said to have originated in Fayette County. A prominent man heretofore disinterested in the tobacco pooling has been asked to be president of the proposed organization. As to the outcome of the scheme, it remains to be seen, whether it will prove a menace to the peace and prosperity of the State or whether it will be able to control in any measure the price on the output of hay in Kentucky.

F. J. CAMELL DEAD:—F. J. Cambell, editor of the Somerset Journal and one of the best known newspaper men in Kentucky, died at his home in Somerset, July 21, aged sixty-five years. He is survived by a wife and two children. Mr. Cambell was a veteran of the Union Army but was always an uncompromising Democrat. During the last three years of Gov. Beckham's administration he was a member of the Equalization Board from the Eleventh District.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY:—Great crowds of people flocked to the Louisville Free Public Library Saturday morning to view the beautiful building and hear the opening exercises

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MURDER AND SUICIDE

Thursday morning Phillip Hans, Jr. shot and killed Arthur Kraft and mortally wounded his wife, Mrs. Pearl Kraft on 1038 East Jacob St., Louisville. Then after wandering the entire day in the country, Hans committed suicide about six miles from Louisville by shooting out his brains. Jealousy is said to be the cause of the double murder, Hans being in love with Mrs. Kraft. She refused to desert her husband and go with Hans and he said he loved her with such love that he would kill her before he could see her live with some one else. Kraft and Hans are each 22 years old and the woman is 20 years old. Kraft and his wife were on their way to Mrs. Kraft's mother to spend the day when they were attacked by Hans who shot them down without warning. He then turned to shoot their little child but it fell just in time to escape the bullet. Kraft was shot thru the heart and Mrs. Kraft was shot thru the head, but there is a possibility of her getting well. Hans stood horrified for a moment then took to his heels.

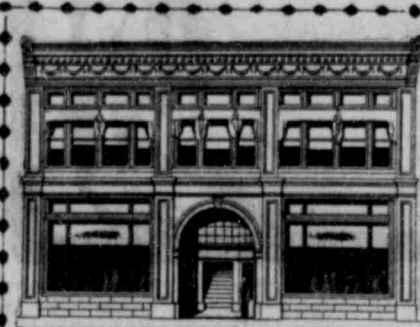
Friday morning his body was found in a field about six miles from town with a bullet hole thru his head. Two letters were found in his pocket, one to his mother the other to the world warning young men of the dangers of loose and having anything to do with married women. In one letter he said, "Life is but a game of cards, I drew for a queen and got a bullet (ace)." At the end he said, "My name is Dennis and my address is, his Satanic Majesty, Hades on the River Styx."

Hans is a member of a respectable family and had always been wayward. Kraft and Hans were both buried in Cave Hill Cemetery.

KENTUCKY RIVER WORK

Lieut. Col. Warren, who has general charge of government work on the Kentucky River has made his annual report which may be summarized as follows.

Lock and dam No. 12.—The work under contract with the Ohio River Contract Company for constructing the lock and dam was in progress during the year. Actual construction was begun in May, and at the close of the year the land wall of the lock had been completed to an average height of 12 feet and excavation for protection wall on the abutment side was well under way. These expendi-



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tures amounted to \$15,150.20.

Lock and dam No. 13.—This site, which has been purchased and paid for, is located about three miles below Willow Shoals Station, and at the close of the year plans and specifications for the construction of the work were in a state of advancement.

Lock and dam No. 14.—This site, which is located near Heidelberg, Ky., has been purchased and paid for. The preparation of plans and specification for the construction has not been undertaken, due to the fact that it was not provided for in any existing legislation. A survey party was in the field during the latter part of the year, making survey of the property overflowed by reason of the construction of locks and dams Nos. 10 and 11. This survey was extended to and included all lands submerged when the river was at pool stage and also at stages of 5 and 10 feet above the dam. Three surveys have been made for the purpose of securing such information and data as was possible for use in the preparation of the government's defense to suits that have been filed for damages due to this flowage.

1908 CROP REPORT

As most of the crops are about made, the farmer can tell about what he is going to have out of his year's work. And taking everything as a whole, the crops are far short of

those of previous years. There is a good corn crop in some portions of the Northwest but the other portion is a failure, the rainfall in some parts being so great as to drown it out and further South the drouth was destructive. The wheat has been thrashed in Kentucky and judging by the results, the average yield will be about 15 to 20 bushels which is very poor. The birds looked large but the head was chaffy and grain small.

The potato crop is small, yielding about 120 to 130 bushels to the acre, while there should be 200 bushels. The recent rains in Kentucky came too late to help the potato crop because they were about made and the drouth had cut them short almost half.

Some tobacco was saved by the rain but some was almost totally ruined by the continued drouth, and the remaining tobacco land was planted in something else.

Gats are very poor. The stalks are as a rule, short, too short in many places for harvesting and they did not head up evenly. Many of the oat heads are but partly filled out with small grain. Weeds which have grown slow on account of the dry weather are beginning to grow now that the ground is wet. The only reason assignable for the shortage in crops is the long cold spring and lack of rains in the right time.

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Don't fail to attend the Fair that day. Splendid program, guessing on the Driving Wagon should be inducement enough. Remember the Fair dates:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
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